

# HOUSE BILL No. 1325

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** None (noncode).

**Synopsis:** Prescription drug advisory committee. Extends the prescription drug advisory committee (committee) and the members' terms to December 31, 2007. Requires the committee to make recommendations before July 1, 2005, to the secretary of the office of the secretary of family and social services (secretary) concerning redesigning the prescription drug program (program) to not conflict with the federal Medicare prescription drug benefit program. Allows the secretary to implement the committee's recommendations and enroll eligible individuals in: (1) the state program; and (2) the federal Medicare prescription drug benefit.

**Effective:** Upon passage.

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January 13, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Health.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning human services.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. P.L.106-2002, SECTION 1 IS AMENDED TO READ  
2 AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] SECTION 1. (a) The  
3 Indiana prescription drug advisory committee is established to:

- 4 (1) study pharmacy benefit programs and proposals, including  
5 programs and proposals in other states; and  
6 (2) make initial and ongoing recommendations to the governor for  
7 programs that address the pharmaceutical costs of low-income  
8 senior citizens.

9 (b) The committee consists of eleven (11) members appointed by  
10 the governor and four (4) legislative members. The term of each  
11 member expires December 31, ~~2005~~ **2007**. The members of the  
12 committee appointed by the governor are as follows:

- 13 (1) A physician with a specialty in geriatrics.  
14 (2) A pharmacist.  
15 (3) A person with expertise in health plan administration.  
16 (4) A representative of an area agency on aging.  
17 (5) A consumer representative from a senior citizen advocacy  
18 organization.



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(6) A person with expertise in and knowledge of the federal Medicare program.

(7) A health care economist.

(8) A person representing a pharmaceutical research and manufacturing association.

(9) A township trustee.

(10) Two (2) other members as appointed by the governor.

The four (4) legislative members shall serve as nonvoting members. The speaker of the house of representatives and the president pro tempore of the senate shall each appoint two (2) legislative members, who may not be from the same political party, to serve on the committee.

(c) The governor shall designate a member to serve as chairperson. A vacancy with respect to a member shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. Each member is entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties. The expenses of the committee shall be paid from the Indiana prescription drug account created by IC 4-12-8. ~~as added by this act.~~ The office of the secretary of family and social services shall provide staff for the committee. The committee is a public agency for purposes of IC 5-14-1.5 and IC 5-14-3. The committee is a governing body for purposes of IC 5-14-1.5.

(d) Not later than September 1, 2004, the committee shall make program design recommendations to the governor and the family and social services administration concerning the following:

(1) Eligibility criteria, including the desirability of incorporating an income factor based on the federal poverty level.

(2) Benefit structure.

(3) Cost-sharing requirements, including whether the program should include a requirement for copayments or premium payments.

(4) Marketing and outreach strategies.

(5) Administrative structure and delivery systems.

(6) Evaluation.

(e) The recommendations **described in subsection (d)** shall address the following:

(1) Cost-effectiveness of program design.

(2) Coordination with existing pharmaceutical assistance programs.

(3) Strategies to minimize crowd-out of private insurance.

(4) Reasonable balance between maximum eligibility levels and

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1 maximum benefit levels.

2 (5) Feasibility of a health care subsidy program where the amount  
3 of the subsidy is based on income.

4 (6) Advisability of entering into contracts with health insurance  
5 companies to administer the program.

6 **(f) Not later than July 1, 2005, the committee shall submit**  
7 **recommendations to the secretary of the office of the secretary of**  
8 **family and social services concerning the redesign of the Indiana**  
9 **prescription drug program established by IC 12-10-16-3 to**  
10 **coordinate the program with the federal Medicare Part D**  
11 **prescription drug benefit program. The recommendations must**  
12 **include the following:**

13 **(1) Methods, including automatic enrollment, that the state**  
14 **should use to ensure that current Indiana prescription drug**  
15 **program enrollees are enrolled in the federal Medicare Part**  
16 **D prescription drug benefit program.**

17 **(2) Changes to the financial eligibility level requirements for**  
18 **the Indiana prescription drug program.**

19 **(3) Changes to benefits offered under the Indiana prescription**  
20 **drug program, including the following:**

21 **(A) Coverage for federal Medicare Part D prescription**  
22 **drug benefit:**

23 **(i) deductibles; or**

24 **(ii) premiums.**

25 **(B) Coverage for prescription drug costs that are not**  
26 **covered by the federal Medicare Part D prescription drug**  
27 **benefit.**

28 **(4) Methods to maximize use of federal funding available to**  
29 **Indiana under the federal Medicare Modernization Act to**  
30 **maximize enrollment in:**

31 **(A) the federal Medicare Part D prescription drug benefit**  
32 **program; and**

33 **(B) the Indiana prescription drug program.**

34 **The committee shall make recommendations in a manner that**  
35 **would expend but not exceed the Indiana prescription drug**  
36 **program's budget.**

37 **(g) The office of the secretary of family and social services may:**

38 **(1) implement the recommendations made by the committee**  
39 **under subsection (f); and**

40 **(2) enroll eligible individuals for the Indiana prescription**  
41 **drug program and the federal Medicare Part D prescription**  
42 **drug benefit program.**

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- 1        ~~(f)~~ **(h)** The committee may not recommend the use of funds from the  
2        Indiana prescription drug account for a state prescription drug benefit  
3        for low-income senior citizens if there is a federal statute or program  
4        providing a similar prescription drug benefit for the benefit of  
5        low-income senior citizens.  
6        ~~(g)~~ **(i)** This SECTION expires December 31, ~~2005~~ **2007**.  
7        SECTION 2. **An emergency is declared for this act.**

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